

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 279  
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Senator Verdell Jackson  
For the House Judiciary Committee

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1. Title, line 9.

**Following:** "PERMIT;"

**Insert:** "PROVIDING THAT A LOCAL ORDINANCE MAY NOT PROHIBIT  
LEGISLATIVE SECURITY STAFF WITH A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT  
FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON IN THE STATE CAPITOL;"

**Strike:** "SECTION"

**Insert:** "SECTIONS"

2. Title, line 10.

**Following:** "45-8-317"

**Insert:** "AND 45-8-351"

3. Page 2, line 2.

**Following:** line 1

**Insert:** "Section 2. Section 45-8-351, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-8-351. **Restriction on local government regulation of firearms.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), ~~no~~ a county, city, town, consolidated local government, or other local government unit may not prohibit, register, tax, license, or regulate the purchase, sale or other transfer (including delay in purchase, sale, or other transfer), ownership, possession, transportation, use, or unconcealed carrying of any weapon, including a rifle, shotgun, handgun, or concealed handgun.

(2) (a) For public safety purposes, a city or town may regulate the discharge of rifles, shotguns, and handguns. A county, city, town, consolidated local government, or other local government unit has power to prevent and suppress the carrying of concealed or unconcealed weapons to a public assembly, publicly owned building, park under its jurisdiction, or school, and the possession of firearms by convicted felons, adjudicated mental incompetents, illegal aliens, and minors.

(b) Nothing contained ~~herein shall allow in this section allows~~ any government to prohibit the legitimate display of firearms at shows or other public occasions by collectors and others, ~~nor shall anything contained herein or to prohibit the legitimate transportation of firearms through any jurisdiction, whether in airports or otherwise.~~

(c) A local ordinance enacted pursuant to this section may not prohibit a legislative security officer who has been issued a concealed weapon permit from carrying a concealed weapon in the state capitol as provided in 45-8-317."